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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1-20. (previously cancelled)
- 21. (currently amended) A process for <u>producing sustained skin rejuvenation</u>, improving the appearance of the skin, comprising the steps of:
 - a) initially applying retinoic acid to the skin;
 - b) -exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin with one pass of laser light wherein said contaminant is capable of absorbing said laser light, said laser light having a pulse duration of about 0.001 to about 1 microsecond, a wave length of from about 800mm to 1200nm, and a fluence of from about 1 to 3 J/cm², and wherein said laser light leaves leaving the epidermis intact and does not remove skin or hair; wherein said contaminant is capable of absorbing said laser light;
 - c) applying retinoic acid to the skin 4 to 16 times per month after step b); and
 - d) repeating step b) at least once every 12 months during step c),
 wherein
 steps c) and d) <u>produce maintain an improved and youthful appearings sustained</u>
 rejuvenation of the skin.
- 22. (previously cancelled).